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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE REFUGEES IN BRAZIL

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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S20000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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1. BELELA HERRERA, UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE IN SANTIAGO, CURRENTLY IN RIO DE JANEIRO FILLING IN FOR VACATIONING UNHCR REP PRIM, CAME TO CONGEN AUGUST 23 TO REPORT SEVERAL RECENT DEVELOPMENTS RELATING TO ARGENTINE REFUGEES IN BRAZIL. SHE REPORTED THAT ONE REFUGEE WHO WAS UNDER UNHCR MANDATE AND BEEN KIDNAPPED BY RIO POLITICAL AND SOCIAL POLICE (DPPS) WHICH HAD RELEASED HIM AFTER TORTURE. REFUGEE LEFT LAST WEEK FOR SWEDEN AFTER UNHCR TURNED DOWN REQUEST FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY TO DELAY HIS DEPARTURE. (MS. HERRERA ATTRIBUTED THIS INTERVENTION TO A DESIRE BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO PREVENT HIS DEPARTURE UNTIL MARKS LEFT FROM TORTURE HAD HEALED.) MS. HERRERA SAID SHE HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT ARGENTINE POLICE OFFICIALS WERE NOW OPERATING IN BRAZIL AND SHE EXPRESSED HER CONCERN THAT REFOULEMENT MAY WELL TAKE PLACE DURING COMING WEEKS AS RESULT OF ARGENTINE POLICE CHECKS HERE.

2. MS. HERRERA ALSO REPORTED THAT UNHCR HAD JUST ACCEPTED TWO URUGUAYAN REFUGEES, BOTH OFFICIALS OF TEXTILE WORKERS UNION WHO HAD BEEN TORTURED IN URUGUAY. THEY HAD CROSSED INTO BRAZIL ILLEGALLY AND WERE ASSISTED BY AMCONSUL PORTO ALEGRE IN REACHING PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMISSION IN SAO PAULO. THESE WERE FIRST URUGUAYAN POLITICAL REFUGEES TO COME TO UNHCR ATTENTION IN BRAZIL. HOWEVER, TWO ARGENTINE ARCHITECTS LIVING FOR SOME TIME IN PUNTA DEL ESTE HAD BEEN EXPELLED BY GOU INTO BRAZIL AND WERE BEING PROCESSED BY UNHCR FOR ONWARD TRAVEL. MS. HERRERA WAS PUZZLED WHY GOU EXPELLED TWO INTO BRAZIL RATHER THAN TO COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

3. SHE INDICATED THAT 52 ARGENTINE REFUGEES HAD ALREADY BEEN PLACED BY UNHCR IN THIRD COUNTRIES. CURRENT CASELOAD TOTALS ABOUT 200. CONGEN POLOFF STATED THAT DEPARTMENT HAD NOT YET RESPONDED TO PRIM'S REQUEST FOR USG PARTICIPATION IN PAROLE PROGRAM (BRASILIA 5566 AND SAO PAULO 2018).

4. CONGEN WILL SEEK FURTHER DETAILS FROM MS. HERRERA CONCERNING ALLEGATIONS MADE IN PARAS 1 AND 2.

5. EMBASSY CONCURS.

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